

Sherry was terrific. Sherry's focus on making sure that Americans address the needs of science in a changing world was always at the forefront as chairman of the committee. I went with Sherry on an incredible trip to Antarctica to explore the impacts of climate change.

Beyond his contributions to the Congress and to the people of our country, Sherry was an avid baseball fan. Sherry loved representing Cooperstown and had the best baseball collection I have ever seen.

God bless you, Sherry, and your family.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as National Recovery Month.

It is important that we draw attention to this special month as we continue to battle the ongoing addiction epidemic in our country.

For 32 years, National Recovery Month has continued to celebrate the gains made by those in recovery as well as promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices. It is also a time to focus on raising awareness and understanding of mental health and substance use disorders.

Over the past month, many of my colleagues have sported purple ribbons to show our support for those in recovery.

Currently, over 23 million Americans are in recovery from an addiction to drugs or alcohol. By recognizing National Recovery Month, we can highlight the strength of the recovery community and show support to our healthcare workers, first responders, friends, family, and community who support those in recovery.

Addiction to alcohol or other substances like opioids is an ongoing epidemic plaguing communities across the Nation. We know addiction does not discriminate. It can happen to anyone, regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

That is why this year's National Recovery Month theme is "Recovery for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community."

As we continue to battle the addiction epidemic, we must highlight the work of organizations like Faces and Voices of Recovery that promote National Recovery Month and continue to provide resources to those in recovery as well as friends and family.

In my home State of Pennsylvania, there were more than 5,200 deaths due to drug overdoses this past year. These numbers continue to be highly alarming, and we must continue to work to combat this epidemic.

No one can tackle addiction on their own, and by recognizing National Recovery Month, we are showing there is light at the end of the tunnel, and with the right support, there is a road to recovery.

Throughout the month of September, Faces and Voices of Recovery encourages local communities to host events to highlight the services available for those in need.

Last week, Venango County Human Services celebrated National Recovery Month at Franklin's Bandstand Park. This event had family-friendly activities, where those who participated could win prizes, enjoy refreshments, and pin a ribbon on the recovery board. The event celebrated community members, first responders, healthcare workers, and others who support recovery. Local vendors were encouraged to set up tables to share information about their programs. The evening ended in a candlelight vigil, remembering those who had passed due to their addiction.

By engaging our local communities, we can continue to make recovery and those who support it possible. We can work together to change the way addiction and recovery are understood, to better support those who are struggling.

As September ends, let's continue to elevate the organizations that provide resources and support to those recovering from addiction.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 54 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

O God, our king eternal, You divide the day from the night, turn the shadow of darkness into morning light. You separate the dry land from the waters, the Earth from the heavens.

Remind us again that You have created all things, breathed life into each creature that walks on the Earth, flies in the sky, or swims in the sea. You are the source of our every blessing.

Call to our awareness that You reign over dominions and nations, principalities and palaces. Sit upon the throne of our hearts and reign in us.

With You as our guide, we have but to yield to Your direction.

With You as our master, we have but to serve Your will.

With You as our ruler, we have but to submit to Your design.

And so we pray that we would humble ourselves before You this day, that You would lead us in the way we should go: in our dealings with each other, in the decisions we face, in the debates we hold.

O Lord, You are the alpha and omega, the beginning and the ending. In You, we live, move, and have our being.

May we serve You well and faithfully this day.

In Your sovereign name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

INVESTING IN AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE

(Mrs. MURPHY of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The Senate passed the bill with all 50 Democrats and 19 Republicans voting yes. Now, it is time for the House to follow suit. Then we can send the bill to President Biden, who played a critical role in crafting this legislation.

In Congress, we have been talking about investing in America's infrastructure for decades, to the point that it has become a punch line. Now, we are finally on the cusp of taking action to match the rhetoric.

Passage of this bill will prove the two parties can still work together in partisan times. It will show the American people their elected leaders can govern in a competent and constructive way, despite their differences.

The bill will provide my home State of Florida with better roads and bridges, improved rail and bus options, modernized air and seaports, high-speed broadband, and clean drinking water. It will improve quality of life

and create good-paying jobs, helping to diversify our economy and sustain our growing population.

The bill will also make historic investments to combat climate change, an existential threat to our planet, our country, and the Florida way of life.

I urge my Republican colleagues to abandon their cynical quest for political advantage and to vote for this good bill. I ask my Democratic colleagues to discard their ill-fated effort to gain leverage over members of their own party and to vote for this good bill.

RECOGNIZING STATE COLLEGE AREA MEALS ON WHEELS

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the State College Area Meals on Wheels as they celebrate 50 years of service and 1.5 million meals delivered.

State College Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers meals to the elderly and those people living with disabilities within the State College school district.

What originally started as a small vision serving under 30 clients has now blossomed into eight separate delivery routes, averaging 250 clients a year.

When our world came to a halt during the COVID-19 pandemic, Meals on Wheels stepped up. The organization didn't miss a single delivery during the pandemic. They even picked up a few more clients who were adversely affected.

Like many, Meals on Wheels had to adapt to the pandemic. A key aspect of the meal delivery was the frequent in-person conversations with the clients. When COVID-19 prevented the face-to-face chatting, they changed their services to provide regular phone calls to catch up with their clients.

Madam Speaker, State College Meals on Wheels is a staple in our community, and I congratulate them on 50 years and 1.5 million meals delivered.

CORRECTING THE RECORD ON STUART SCHELLER

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to correct the record.

Yesterday, while proselytizing about the ongoing case of Stuart Scheller, one of my colleagues demonstrated a concerning misunderstanding of armed service to one's country.

Stuart Scheller did not "stand up to incompetence." He broke his oath, one that all Marines take that explicitly outlines our duty to obey the President's legal orders; the same oath I took when I was sworn into the Marine Corps 11 years ago. Yesterday, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs spoke di-

rectly to this understanding: the principle of civilian control of the military is critical to this republic.

A marine who posts videos of himself saying "follow me and we will bring the whole system down" is not a martyr. Stuart Scheller is a liability to our national security, and he will be provided the same due process that our fellow Marines have fought for and died to protect.

PLUNGING OUR NATION FURTHER INTO CRIPPLING DEBT

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, for the last 9 months, Washington Democrats have been steamrolling Congress and the American people with a series of socialist, Big Government takeovers. With such fragile control of the White House, Senate, and House, Democrats have authorized trillions in unchecked spending, plunging our Nation into further crippling debt.

The American people are suffering the economic consequences of Biden's unhinged spending in the form of staggering inflation and decreased purchasing power, which I fear could lead us to double-digit inflation by the end of this year.

I refuse to stand by as House Democrats attempt to bankrupt our children and grandchildren. To correct this behavior and increase financial transparency, I have introduced the INFORM Act, the companion bill to Senator MIKE BRAUN from Indiana.

The INFORM Act brings much-needed accountability to government spending by requiring two new government-wide reporting standards on the national debt and deficits and studies net fiscal burdens on different populations.

With the debt growing bigger every day and Democrats showing no sign of restraint in their plans to try to bankrupt America, my bill is an essential part of ensuring that we create a responsible financial future for generations to come.

TRICKLE-DOWN ECONOMICS HAS FAILED

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, over the past 50 years, income inequality has exploded in our country.

For decades, trickle-down economics has guided our country's fiscal policy, selling the American people a bill of goods about how cutting taxes for big business and the wealthy would eventually benefit society at large.

Most Americans have experienced this policy failure firsthand. They have watched the rich and powerful accumulate wealth while the middle class

shrinks and families struggle to stay afloat. Study after study has shown that instead of promoting jobs or growth, tax cuts for the rich have increased inequality.

It is time to reject the failed theory of trickle-down economics and finally give everyday Americans a fair shot.

The Build Back Better Act will provide one of the biggest middle-class tax cuts in history and invest in the American people to build a stronger, more inclusive economy.

The best part? It is paid for by making those at the top finally pay their fair share.

The system has been rigged against most Americans for far too long. We have a chance to fix it now. Let's get it done.

WE NEED TO STOP THE SOCIALIST SPENDING SPREE

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, this is a consequential week for the country that we love and its future.

House Democrats are preparing to ram through the most expensive spending package this institution has ever seen, with a combined price tag of \$5.5 trillion.

\$5.5 trillion, let that astronomical figure sink in.

This package contains a \$2.1 trillion tax increase on hardworking families and job creators, the largest in history. It bypasses needed infrastructure priorities in favor of Green New Deal pet projects, and it adds mountains of debt burden to our kids' and grandkids' future.

Meanwhile, all of this reckless spending comes at a time when inflation is already sky-high, and it will only make the cost of daily necessities continue to go up and up.

There is simply no justification for a package so expansive, so excessive, and so extreme.

For the sake of America's future, we need to stop this socialist spending spree in its tracks.

ELECTRIFYING FEDERAL VEHICLE FLEETS

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the robust funding to electrify Federal vehicle fleets included in the Build Back Better Act.

Our climate is rapidly changing, and humans are the primary cause.

In 2019, the transportation sector accounted for 70 percent of petroleum used in the United States and was the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions nationwide.

Transitioning to electric vehicles will reduce our carbon output and improve the environment for our children and our grandchildren.